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Applicant INTEL CORPORATION		

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

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b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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